the Centre. Government Railway Police provides escorts on Fast/Superfast, Mail/Express trains according to local conditions and requirements. Railway Protection Force also assist Government Railway Police in this task in time of need.

Anti-encroachment drive in Chandigarh

2286. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what was the number of persons affected by the recent anti-encroachment drive launched by the U.T. of Chandigarh;

(b) how many of them are covered by the offer of alternative sites, both residential and commercial; and

(c) what concrete steps have been taken to ensure that nobody makes an encroachment in the future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Setting up of a Bank Protection Force

2287. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration at persent for setting up of a Bank Protection Force in view of the alarming number of bank dacoities during the recent years; and

(b) if so, by when the proposal is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) It has been decideu to raise a force for the protection of Banks.

(b) It is likely to become operational within about a year.

Arrest of a French National along with a Chakma tribal

2288. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a French national was arrested from Korbak refugee camp in South Tripura in mysterious circumstances alongwith a West Bengal based Chakma tribal;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what action has been taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) One French national was arrested by the Government of Tripura in February, 1987 for entering the State without a valid permit. He was asked to leave India on 12th February, 1987.

Tangle for Kannaki temple

2289. SHRI R. T. GOPALAN:
SHRI M. VINCENT:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware about the continuous tangle between the Kerala and Tamil Nadu Governments over the Kannaki temple situated on the border of Kerala and Tamil Nadu in Madurai District; and

(b) what action Government are taking to settle this matter on the basis of the original archaeological re-